Training in Sculpture by Archaeological Department

314 SRI B. M. HORAKERI (Guledgud).— Will the Minister for Housing and Youth Services be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is adequate staff in the State Archaeological Department for protection of old and ancient monuments in the State ;

(*b*) the number of old and ancient monuments to be protected and maintained by the State Department ; the expenditure incurred for maintenance and protection of monuments during 1975-76 and 1976-77 ;

(*c*) whether the State Archaeological Department has any proposal to start training institutions in Sculpture at Badami, Aihole Bijapur, Hampi, Halebidu, to train sculpturists and artists, as has been done by the neighbouring States *viz* ;

Andhra Pradesh

9. Government Satapati in Hyderabad.
2. Training Institute at Tirupati.

Tamil Nadu

1. School of Sculpture at Mahabalipuram.
2. School of Metal Sculpture at Darapuram?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO(Minister for Housing and Youth Services).

(*a*) The Directorate of Archaeology and Museums in Karnataka has been provided with adequate staff for the conservation of State Protected monuments.

(*b*) There are, at present 686 monuments declared as monuments protected by the state, as per the Tentative list of monuments. The expenditure incurred on the Conservation of monuments is as follows : —

During the year 1975-76 the expenditure incurred is Rs, 1,31,852

During the year 1976-77, the expenditure upto 23rd March 1977 is Rs. 1 07,152.

(*c*) No.

The Chamarajendra Technical Institute, Mysore under the Department of Industries and Commerce is providing training in Sculpturing.

Calling Attention to matters of urgent Public Importance :

(*i*) *re* : *Allotment of Sites to the economically weaker sections by the BDA*

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the failure of the Bangalore Development Authority of